

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on page 3.

The abstract has been rewritten, a clean sheet of which is provided herewith.

Claim 1 is requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 2-16 are being added as new claims.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-16 are now pending in this application. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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